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respect to the above-identified case.

Enclosed herewith, is a copy of PTO Form SB/08A which
cites U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0211496.
The '496 Publication is directed to silicone nitride
crucibles and has a U.S. filing date prior to International

Filing Date of this Application, albeit that the U.S. filing date is after the priority date of this Application. It is respectfully submitted that the Examiner should also check the art which is cited against the '496 Application since such art may be deemed relevant to the present Application.

Also enclosed, is a copy of the International Preliminary Report on patentability with respect to this Application as well as the International Search Report. It will be noted that, in the International Search Report, all of the references are cited as only related to the technical background with respect to this Application, however, one specific reference, namely, JP 59162199, copy of which is enclosed herewith as well as an English Translation of that Application, are provided herewith. It will be noted that JP '199 teaches reaction bonded silicon nitride crucibles which appear to be very similar to the crucibles claimed in the '496 U.S. Publication. JP '199 is discussed in detail on page 1 of this Application.

Finally, also enclosed are translations of two Office Actions from the Norwegian Patent Office in the corresponding Norwegian Parent Application. The references which are cited in these two Norwegian Office Actions have already been cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed concurrently with the filing of this Application and, thus, were deemed to be in the file.

In view of the foregoing and the enclosed, it is respectfully submitted that this Application is in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested. Should any extensions of time or fees be necessary in order to maintain this Application in pending

condition, appropriate requests are hereby made and
authorization is given to debit account # 02-2275.

Respectfully submitted,

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